REMARKS

Claims 1-77 were originally submitted.

Claims 58-66 and 76-77 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 1-8, 12, 14-15, 17-27, 30-31, 33-34, 36-46, 50, 52-53, 55-57, and 67-75 are currently amended.

Claims 1-57 and 67-75 are pending.

Examiner Interview

An Examiner Interview was conducted by telephone on November 9, 2004 between Examiner Baoquoc To and Emmanuel Rivera. A discussion took place regarding possible claim amendments that would overcome the recited art. An agreement was reached that the claims as amended in the current listing of claims overcome the prior art recited by the Office.

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CONCLUSION

Dated: 12/05

All pending 1-57 and 67-75 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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